

PEGPETIA Grant

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Gerard J. Speno, I have been a Fairfield Representative to The Cable Advisory Council in Area 2 for the past 9 Years and am currently its' Treasurer. I am also System Manager for Fair TV, Fairfield CT's Town Specific Government and Educational Television Access Entity.

I am writing today as back when this grant was being formulated, as a CAC Representative, I submitted language that was to become part of the general structure of this Grant Program.

I wrote that the grant should be accessible by all as long as the content or equipment that came from this program be for the development of PEG access Programming. It is important that all be a part of the Community Access structure and the lack of the hardware to do so not be a factor..

Many have taken advantage of these funds. In the production of PEG Access, the second biggest hurdle is the money to purchase hardware. Hardware as well evolves quickly and although among the PEG Access community, where operators will stretch the life of these items well beyond the norm. At some point upgrades or even the basics for entry into this work is difficult in today's economic environment.

For these monies to be diverted in times when towns are needing funds on all levels, dampens the role of the community not only in capability but the ability of the community to function in contemporary standards.

I reach out to the State to return this fund to viability to the communities and others who apply. To allow the municipal voice as well as those of equal interest to continue to provide the electronic window specific to each to prevail and develop in media and platforms that make up the fabric of communication in today's world.

Respectfully,
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